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Dear Judge Kolar Kottely:

Late last year the U.S. Department of Justice finally reached a settlement with the Microsoft Corporation. This settlement is currently under your review for acceptance, and I am writing to encourage your support for this agreement.

I work in a competitive business where my hard work has paid off. My success depends on the superior quality of my product and my ability to sell this product to my clients. I have a natural inclination to admire any individual or company that finds success by working hard and having a good product. Microsoft is a great example of these ideals. Microsoft continues to be an industry leader because it provides the consumer with superior products and excellent service.

I have never understood why the government seemed determined to prosecute a company that provides a reliable product, creates countless jobs, and stimulates both the economy and innovation. By bringing this case the government appeared to be intent on nothing more than gaining unprecedented control over the technology industry.

Now, over two years since the suit was brought, calmer heads now seem to be prevailing. The DOJ and Microsoft have fashioned an agreement that represents a true compromise. News reports indicate that Microsoft will be required to share intellectual property and must guarantee flexibility to computer manufactures that equip their products with Microsoft operating systems.

More importantly though, this settlement represents a victory for the economy, entrepreneurs, and consumers. This settlement moving forward will once again open the door of investment and innovation.

Thank you.


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